

REMARKS

Except as explained below, Applicants are amending the claims herein to clarify the claimed invention. These amendments are not in response to a patentability rejection.

Applicants will address each of the rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-27 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahara (US 6,219,113). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1, 5, and 9 to recite “an adhesive in contact with the insulating film and the lens”, and independent Claim 13 to recite “an adhesive in contact with the substrate and the lens.” These features are supported, for example, by Figs. 12B and 13B and page 15, lns. 18-25 and page 18, lns. 1-9 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that these claimed features are not disclosed or suggested by Takahara. For example, Fig. 69 in Takahara shows optical coupling agent 691 in contact with substrate 11 and microlens 641. However, optical coupling agent is not in contact with an insulating film which is formed over the substrate, as required in independent Claims 1, 5 and 9. Further, Takahara does not appear to disclose a electroluminescence element formed over a substrate, a lens formed over the electroluminescence element, and an adhesive in contact with the substrate and the lens, as required in independent Claim 13.

Accordingly, Takahara does not disclose or suggest the display device of independent Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13, and these independent claims and the claims dependent thereon are patentable over

this reference. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 28-31 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahara. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these claims are also patentable over the cited reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

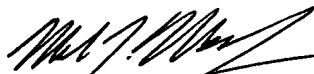
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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